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SUBJECT: FM OSKANIAN "HOPES" TO DELIVER GOAM ENDORSEMENT OF
PSI INTERDICTION PRINCIPLES

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Classified By: DCM A.F. Godfrey for reasons 1.4 (b, d).

¶1. (C) We delivered points and draft diplomatic note contained ref A to MFA Arms Control and International Security Department Head Arman Hakobyan, Arms Control and International Security Advisor Vartuhi Asaturian, and Americas Desk Head Lilit Touthkalian March 22. We noted that, despite numerous self-imposed deadlines which had come and gone, the GOAM had not met its stated commitments (reftels) to endorse the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) and the Statement of Interdiction Principles.

¶2. (C) Hakobyan repeated past assertions that the GOAM's interagency process had delayed action following "a generally positive" assessment of the PSI and the Statement of Interdiction Principles. He asserted that FM Vartan Oskanian, who was aware of Washington's continued interest in Armenia's participation, hoped to deliver Armenia's endorsement to A/S Fried at their meeting in Washington the week of March 25.

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